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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRAL NON-ALIGNED STATES ON CSCE
IMPLEMENTATION: AUSTRIA

REF: STATE 283196

1. WE DISCUSSED ON NOVEMBER 19 POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH
MFA/CSCE DIRECTOR MINISTER LIEDERMANN WHO UNDERLINED CONTINUING
STRONG INTEREST OF GOA IN CONSULTATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH US,
ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

2. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS REGISTERED BY LIEDERMANN IN RESPONSE
EMBASSY' PRESENTATION.

A. BELGRADE MEETING: GOA FULLY SHARES USG VIEWPOINT
THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF BELGRADE MEETING SHOULD BE DRAWING UP
OF BALANCE SHEET OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT IN
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STRAIGHTFORWARD, NON-POLEMICAL FASHION. IN ADDITION, GOA

FORESEES PROBABLE DEVELOPMENT AT BELGRADE MEETING OF SOME NEW PROPOSALS, AGREEMENT ON WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT AND WHICH SHOULD AT MOST ELABORATE ON BUT NOT MODIFY COMMITMENTS OF FINAL ACT.

B. INFORMATION: FOR AUSTRIA TOO THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTEWORTHY CHANGE IN SOVIET, EE PRACTICES ON THIS MATTER. AUSTRIANS HAVE HEARD SIMILAR ARGUMENTS FROM SOVIET, EE REPS ON ALLEGED POOR RECORD IN WEST ON BOOKS AND FILMS EXCHANGES AND HAVE COUNTERED THAT IN AUSTRIA MARKET FACTORS, NOT IDEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS, DETERMINE SALES VOLUME OF INFORMATIONAL MEDIA.

C. FAMILY REUNIFICATION: AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCE TO DATE IS THAT CASES INVOLVING POLAND OR HUNGARY (WITH WHOM AUSTRIA HAS IN LAST YEARS DEVELOPED SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP) ARE BEING DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY. IN CONTRAST, NO CHANGE NOTED IN PROGRESS ON CASES INVOLVING CSSR, ROMANIA, AND GDR. NO PATTERN SEEMS EVIDENT WITH USSR AND BULGARIA SINCE IN EACH INSTANCE NUMBER OF CASES IS INSIGNIFICANT.

D. BILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS: AUSTRIANS HAVE POLITELY REJECTED RECENT HUNGARIAN APPROACH FOR BILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT, INDICATING THAT THEIR EXAMINATION OF SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN AGREEMENT SHOWED AUSTRIA AS ALREADY HAVING IMPLEMENTED SUCH ITEMS. HUNGARIANS WERE THEREFORE TOLD IN EFFECT THAT NEXT MOVE WAS FOR HUNGARY TO IMPLEMENT UNILATERALLY ITEMS IN QUESTION.

3. EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING ON CSCE. LIEDERMANN VOLUNTERRED THAT HE HAD INDICATED TO NOVEMBER 16 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN STRASBOURG THAT EC-9 VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND BELGRADE MEETING, TABLED BY DUTCH DELEGATION TO MEETING, WERE VERY CLOSE TO THOSE OF GOA. HE ADDED HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT SWISS AND SWEDES SHOULD ALSO HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH SUBSTANCE OF EC-9 PAPER.

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4. NOVEMBER 22-23 VIENNA MEETING OF CSCE NEUTRALS:

A. PARTICIPANTS HAVE AGREED TO FIVE-POINT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. EVALUATION OF (UNILATERAL, BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL) IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT;

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF BELGRADE MEETING;

3. ROLE OF NEUTRALS IN PREPARING FOR BELGRADE
MEETING;

4. TASKS OF BELGRADE MEETING, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
INITIATIVES OF NEUTRALS;

5. MISCELLANEOUS

B. LIEDERMANN PROMISED TO GIVE US RUNDOWN NEXT WEEK
OF RESULTS OF MEETING OF FOUR MAIN CSCE NEUTRALS. BUCHANAN

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